

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location:	Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Las Vegas, NV 89104
Date:	May 21, 2014 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Membership:		Present	Absent
	Vicki Herman	✓	
	Dr. Bree Mullin	✓	
	Shelia Parks	✓	
	Donna Smith	✓	
	Willie A. Stewart	✓	
	Judge Frank Sullivan		✓
	Detrick Sanford		✓
	Dr. Constance Brooks		✓
	Dr. Lisa Morris-Hibbler		✓
	Dashun Jackson		✓
County/ Department Management:	Lisa Ruiz-Lee	DFS Director	
	Paula Hammack	DFS Assistant Director	
	Michael Knight	DFS Assistant Director	
	Mari Parlade	Manager of Community Partnerships & Engagement Unit	
	Kristi Jourdan	Community Relations Specialist	

Agenda Item 1:	Call Meeting to order	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order by Donna Smith and role was called by Lisa Ruiz-Lee 	
Agenda Item 2:	Approval of Minutes (for possible action)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The March 21, 2014 meeting minutes were approved 	
Public Comment		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Agenda Item 3:	Receive an update on Department of Family Services activities (information only) –	Michael Knight, Mari Parlade, Lisa Ruiz-Lee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need volunteers, 18 years and up, to finish up Child Haven project. Title IVE Review the middle of April. 100 cases reviewed to insure we are drawing down and utilize IVE dollars appropriately. We did very well passing the audit. We are struggling with the population on campus. Population is driven by caseloads. Over the past 3 years, between 2010-2013 years there has been a 22% increase in investigations and 35% increase in kids served. With the bulk happening between 2012-2013. The number of removals of children is down as compared to last year. A lot driven by changes we've made to safety practices 47 new positions approved by BCC positions will go to Child Haven, Hotline, CPS, hired and ready for training by August In the process of hiring 14 new investigators (2 ½ teams) There are 100 children enrolled in Healthy Minds pilot. Outcome numbers look good around 80%. Hope is by the end of 2015 we have around 300 children. Program has hit the national level because of our outcomes. So we may be going to DC in July to 	

	present our program. Try to stick to kids 8 and older. Hopefully by July or August all contracts for specialized foster care will require that they provide Together Facing the Challenge. The agencies will be required to provide the training.	
Agenda Item 4:	Receive an update from CAC members on actions plans/activities and update plans accordingly to include developing messaging for CAC members to share in the public regarding the purpose and goals and initiatives of the CAC– (for possible action) – CAC	CAC Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified overlap in the action plans QPI has five workgroups: child welfare services, recruitment, communications, community partnerships, and retention training and support Foster friends program – foster friendly business program. Display that they are foster friends and offer discounts to foster families. Foster friendly days –open the grounds to provide respite to foster parents for a couple of hours (United Methodist Social Ministry has already started) Nevadans for the common good – Faith based rally to come together to discuss political issues <p>Foster Care Adoptive System Action Plan –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First task, engaging foster parents is being handled through QPI and CPE participation, still working on market segmentation to be able to target foster parent demographic and profile. Advocating for enhanced community awareness for foster parents is covered by QPI <p>Family Preservation –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QPI is pitching information to the community with work group to strengthen families There are points addressing family preservation CAC should still bring information gathered from community contacts <p>Citizens Review Panel is Developing a new and existing parents’ guide for dependency court</p> <p>Childhood Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SARB addresses some childhood education issues QPI is making future plans to address childhood education and we will share when we get the information <p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Together Facing the Challenge is being implemented and is required. 	
Public Comment		
	None	
Agenda Item 5:	Discussion of future meeting dates and adjourn meeting (for possible action)	
		CAC Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting is July 16, 2014 and will be held at the Clark County Department of Family Services, 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89106 at 8:30 AM. Meeting dates are 3rd Wednesday every other month beginning in January 2014. 	